[Mr. K. P. Kochukoratharakan.]

(*c*) (i) if no such circular has been sent, whether any circular has been issued either by the Chief Engineer or the Government to Division Officers, Sub-Division Officers, or Section Officers that at least some of the persons mentioned above should not be given P. W. D. contracts;

(ii) if so, whether it is the Chief Engineer or the Government who sent it:

(iii) the date of issue;

(iv) if it has been so sent, whether there is any special reason therefor: and

(v) if there is such a circular, whether they will lay on the table a true copy of it?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: (*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

(*c*) (i) Yes.

(ii) The Chief Engineer.

(iii) 7-7-1937.

(iv) As the practicing Vakils who take up contract works cannot have effective personal supervision of the works and therefore they invariably sublet the contracts against the recognised rules and as it is an accepted principle that members of the Legislative bodies should not take up contracts or have any financial interest in the funds of which they are in control.

(v) * A true copy of the Circular is placed on the table.

Pier at Alleppey.

141. *MR. M. L. JANARDANA PILLAI (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the name and qualification of the Port Officer who was in charge at Alleppey when Mr. Ash, the Special Engineer of the Vizagapatam Harbour Works was invited by Government to render advice regarding the sandsilting, and improvement of the pier at Alleppey; and

(*b*) what remuneration was paid to Mr. Ash and what was the salary of the then Port Officer at Alleppey?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) W. J. Swan Esq., Lieut. Commander R. N. R. (Retired).

(*b*) Remuneration paid to Mr. Ash was Bh. Rs. 1823-6-0 including T. A.

Salary of the then Port Officer—Bh. Rs. 600 per mensem.

MR. M. L. JANARDANA PILLAI: May I know the present salary of the Port Officer?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: He gets his permanent pay of Rs. 325 plus the acting allowance of Rs. 100.

* *Vide* Appendix II, page 558.

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